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Good Morning Everyone,

We have had a busy year and have had many accomplishments. Again, congratulations to NMBHI and NM Rehabilitation Center for doing well on their Joint Commission Accreditation surveys. DDSD has done well with their recent federal audits. They have worked tirelessly on the changes to the DD waiver. SLD has significantly reduced the turnaround time and the backlog of DUI samples. Yesterday, we officially sent our letter of intent with Public Health Accreditation.

We have decided to make changes to our senior leadership. Mr. Brad McGrath who is currently the Chief Facilities Officer will now be the Chief Deputy Secretary of Administration and Facilities. Mr. Jim Green will be the Deputy Secretary of Programs. He will remain as the Chief Financial Officer. Dr. Richard Adams has recently joined us and will be the Chief Medical Officer. After review of the Human Resources Bureau, we have chosen Mr. Ty Ryburn to be our Human Resources Bureau Chief. He will be transitioning into his new position over the next few weeks. Our Public Health Division is in the process of hiring the permanent division director. Dr. Michael Landen will be the interim division director during this process. Dr. Maggi Gallaher has now returned to her duties as the Chief Medical Officer for Public Health. We appreciate the time she gave us as the acting division director over the past 16 months.

There are some new changes to the organizational chart which has been included in this email. These changes integrate better effectiveness and efficiency. SLD and DDSD will now report to the Chief Deputy Secretary of Administration and Facilities. Health Certification and Licensing as well as General Accounting will report to the Deputy Secretary of Programs. Grants Management will now be part of General Accounting. Office of Policy and Planning will report to the Chief Deputy Secretary. The Copy Center will now be called Support Services.

We have created one Governing Board for our facilities and the Los Lunas Community Program. Our inaugural meeting took place on May 10, 2012 at NMBHI. I appreciate the hospitality we received. We have replaced the Medical Oversight Committee and the Mortality Review Committee with the following teams: Peer Review Team and Public Health Review Team. The Peer Review Team will focus on credentialing, quality assurance, sentinel events as well as morbidity and mortality review. The Public Health Review Team will focus on review of educational materials, performance measurements, and review of the agency's policies & procedures.

Thank you everyone for your continued great work.

Be Healthy,

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